

## 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

### **Bidding Prayers**

**Presider:** Now let us bring our prayers to God our Father who always shows us his mercy and forgiveness.

**Deacon or Reader:**

- 1 As we thank our Lord for his love and forgiveness, let us pray for the grace to forgive those who hurt us.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 2 For the thousands of people who have been killed by the earthquake in Morocco and the devastating floods in Libya. For those who are injured or missing. For all who are grieving the loss of family, friends and livelihoods. For the rescue workers and all who are trying to alleviate suffering.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 3 For those who no longer come to church. May the Holy Spirit show us how we might lovingly reach out to them, especially to those who are closest to us.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 4 For all the animals, great and small, that God has entrusted to us. For an end to the cruelty inflicted on so many, and for those who work so hard to rescue, heal and nurture respect for God's creatures.  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 5 For our own personal intentions, for Kathleen Murray who has died, for Margaret Jean Cripps, Amelia Baylen, Chester Wong who is to be baptised, and all the people of this parish community.  
*(Pause for silent prayer)*  
Lord, in your mercy. **R. Hear our prayer.**
- 6 Now let us ask Mary, the mother of Jesus, to pray for us all:  
**"Hail Mary..."**

**Presider:** God of mercy and compassion,  
hear our prayers.  
Give us hearts of mercy  
so that we too can forgive all those who sin against us.  
Through Christ our Lord.